

HOUSE BILL 191
By Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, relative to restricted driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(j) A Tennessee resident, whose operator's license has been suspended because of a conviction in any court of a driving offense for exceeding speed limits and who has not paid or secured any fine or costs imposed for such offense, may apply to a judge of any court of the county of such person's residence having jurisdiction to try charges for a restricted motor vehicle operator's license. The judge may order the issuance of a restricted license if, based upon the records of the department of safety, no other driving offenses are pending. The trial judge may issue such order allowing the person so convicted to operate a motor vehicle for the limited purposes of going to and from and working at such person's regular place of employment. Such order shall state with all practicable specificity the necessary times and places of permissible operation of a motor vehicle. The person so arrested may obtain a certified copy of the order and within ten (10) days after it is issued present it, together with an application fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00), to the department, which shall forthwith issue a restricted license embodying the limitations imposed in the order. After proper application and until such time as the restricted license is issued, a certified copy of the order may serve in lieu of a motor vehicle operator's license. Any restricted license issued under the provisions of this section shall be subject to renewal in the same manner as other motor vehicle operator's licenses.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.